

Letters . . .

OVERFLIGHT OVERSIGHT

To the Editor—Let me correct an error that crept into my article, “Space and Missile Defense,” which appeared in issue 33 (Autumn-Winter

02–03). The published text states: “Overflights were assumed away as the United States and the Soviet Union launched scientific satellites to mark the International Geophysical Year in 1957.” Because satellites clearly pass over the territory of other nations, one cannot disregard them. The text should indicate that difficulties associated with overflights were assumed away as the United States and the Soviet Union launched satellites for

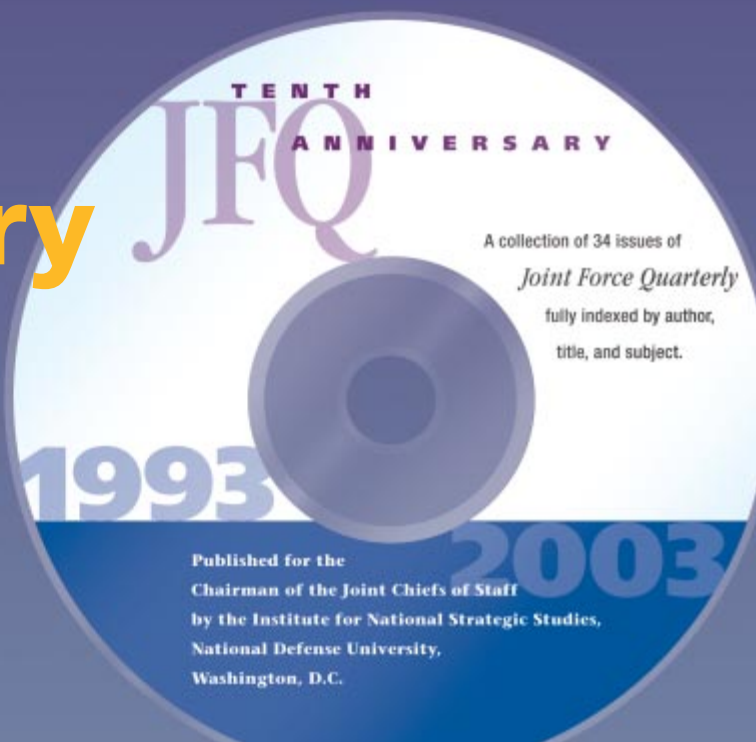
the International Geophysical Year. Moreover, the date is incorrect: Explorer I, our first satellite, was not launched until January 31, 1958, and the International Geophysical Year extended from July 1, 1957, to December 31, 1958.

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